



**1166th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**

Annual Banquet (BBQ)

**1:00PM Saturday June 22, 2013
Berkeley, California**

**Members with reservations will receive the
address in a separate document.**

Reminder: Hawaiian shirts recommended, but not required!

Don't forget your PCNS Bingo prize donations.

No directions and you made a reservation?

Call Bill at 831-461-1153

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Member Sharing:

Share your most influential book(s) and coins, medals or tokens.

Bill brought a 1722 copy of *Augustorum, Augustarum*, bound in vellum. The book covers biographies of the European emperors using coins and coin-like portraits as illustrations. He also shared an early purchase, an 1893 copy of Heaton's *Coinage of the U.S. Branch Mints* with a notation that it was a lot in a Lyman Low auction. His final share was a copy of the 1967 *Medals of Karl Goetz* along with an example of the 1923 Goetz medal satirizing the Hitler Putsch.

Michael shared a modern copy of a current reading project, *The Diary of Samuel Pepys*. He also brought a catalog of 17th Century London tavern tokens. Pepys' diary talks about going out to dinner in some of the taverns covered in the catalog.

Lew shared two books in Spanish, *Catalogo de Los Reales* and *Acuña acciones de la Casa de Borbon*.

Federico shared a Costa Rica token book with a dedication to Freeman Craig and a book on Costa Rican coinage. The second, a difficult book to find, inspired his first Costa Rican cob purchase (which he shared as well).

Herb shared a PPIE publication, an opportune purchase of *Rare Coins of Russia* written by an early PCNS member Anatol Soohodolsky in 1944. He also shared Kappan's *California Tokens*, a book that serves as a bible for most California token collectors. Kappan was also a PCNS member. Finally, he shared a copy of Dalton and Hammer, an necessary reference for collectors of anti-slavery tokens.

Jerry brought two books, one covering Icelandic tokens and the other covering French brothel tokens. Both are rarely seen by most American collectors.

Catz brought his grandfather's coin, an 1852 3 cent piece that he

collected from his father's coin jar and began his interest in coin collecting.

Dan shared various books covering Swiss Shooting medals. No one catalog covers all the pieces in the series.

Stephen shared four essential references for collectors of non-US coins. First is Barclay Head's classic *Historia Numorum*, a manual of Greek numismatics. Second was a history book, Michael Grant's *The Roman Emperors*, written by a numismatist. Third choice was *Coins in History* by John Porteous, an essential read for an understandable history of medieval coinage. Finally, R.A.G. Carson's, *Coins of the World*, a basic reference in a single volume. He also shared a coin of Roman Britian.

The evening raffle winners included:

Catz won a leather housed 1983 medal celebrating the end of martial law in Poland and the success of the Solidarity movement.

Jerry won a glass paperweight featuring the PPIE Tower of Jewels.

Bill won a PPIE gilt metal shot glass and an Odd Fellows hanger badge from the PPIE.

Steve won a San Francisco Mint U.S. commemorative dollar.

2013 meeting Schedule:

***July 24, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason

***August 28, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason

September 25, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason

October 23, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason

November 27, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason

December 18, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason

****** Watch the July and August Bulletins for a possible change in meeting location to avoid conflicts with America's Cup events.***

NOTE: You will find directions to the barbbque being held in place of a formal banquet on a separate insert or email if you made a reservation. If you do not receive the directions, the Recorder does not have your reservation recorded. Please call 831-461-1153 to receive the directions. Thank you.

Your editor was recently asked to evaluate an eclectic collection for a friend. The one item of interest was most unusual, an unofficial Indian Peace Medal from the late 1800s.



Known as the Nebraska "Peace Medal," the unofficial medal has an unknown origin. In 1901, it was being produced by a Native American in Nebraska for sale to Indians in Oklahoma and the Dakotas. A Brulé Sioux chief is shown wearing one of these medals in a photograph from the early 1900s. Catalogs report approximately 10 known, although I suspect that number is a low estimate. The medal pictured here was purchased from a South Dakota pawn shop about 30 years ago.